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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A multi-sectioned ~~container~~ jar for storing consumable goods, comprising:

a bottom section having a bottom surface and at least one side-wall, said bottom-section side-wall including at a top portion thereof, connecting means for connecting the bottom section to an upper section stacked thereon; and

at least one upper section having at least one side-wall, said upper-section side-wall being configured in a bottom portion thereof to interact with the bottom-section connecting means to connect the upper section to the bottom section, said upper-section side-wall including at a top portion thereof, connecting means for connecting the upper section, selectively, to another upper section or a lid, said upper section being operable to be removed from the bottom section when the consumable goods are consumed to a level that is below the bottom of the upper section; and

a lid configured to connect, selectively, to the upper section or to the bottom section when the upper section is removed.

2. (Previously Presented) The multi-sectioned container of claim 1, wherein the bottom-section side-wall and the upper-section side-wall have a circular configuration, and wherein the bottom-section connecting means includes screw threads, and the upper-section side-wall is configured in the bottom portion thereof with screw threads compatible with the screw threads of the bottom-section connecting means to screw the sections together.

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3. (Previously Presented) The multi-sectioned container of claim 1, wherein the bottom-section connecting means includes a snapping mechanism, and the upper-section side-wall is configured in the bottom portion thereof with snapping means compatible with the snapping mechanism of the bottom-section connecting means to snap the sections together.

4. (Previously Presented) The multi-sectioned container of claim 3, wherein the snapping mechanism of the bottom-section connecting means and the snapping means of the upper-section side-wall are configured to form a water-tight seal when they are snapped together.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The multi-sectioned container of claim 1, wherein the at least one bottom-section side-wall and the at least one upper-section side-wall each include four side-walls arranged in approximately a square configuration.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A multi-sectioned ~~container~~ jar for storing food, comprising:
a bottom section; ~~and~~
~~at least one~~ a first tubular upper section that stacks on, and removably connects to, the bottom
section; and

a lid configured to connect, selectively, to the first tubular upper section, or to the bottom
section when the first tubular upper section is removed;

wherein the bottom section includes a bottom surface and a side-wall that includes, at a top portion thereof, a connector for connecting the bottom section to the first tubular upper section[.];
and

wherein the first tubular upper section is configured in a bottom portion thereof to connect to
the bottom-section connector, and includes a connector at a top portion thereof to connect to the lid.

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said first tubular upper section being operable to be removed from the bottom section when the food stored in the container is consumed to a level that is below the bottom of the first tubular upper section.

10. (Canceled)

11. (New) The multi-sectioned jar of claim 9, further comprising a second tubular upper section identical to the first tubular upper section for connecting to the top of the first tubular upper section when a quantity of food is added to the jar that raises the level of the food above the top of the first tubular upper section, wherein the second tubular upper section is operable to be removed from the first tubular upper section when the food stored in the container is consumed to a level that is below the bottom of the second tubular upper section.

12. (New) A multi-sectioned vase for holding and displaying flowers, comprising:
a cylindrical bottom section having a bottom surface and a circular side-wall forming a bottom chamber that is open at a top end, said bottom section having a height sufficient to stably hold and display short-stemmed flowers in the bottom chamber, said bottom-section side-wall including at a top portion thereof, connecting means for connecting the bottom section to a cylindrical upper section stacked thereon; and

a first cylindrical upper section that is open at both a top end and a bottom end, said first upper section having a circular side-wall configured in a bottom portion thereof to interact with the bottom-section connecting means to removably connect the first upper section to the bottom section, said first upper section having a height sufficient to stably hold and display long-stemmed flowers when the first upper section is stacked on and connected to the bottom section.

13. (New) The multi-sectioned vase of claim 12, further comprising a second cylindrical upper section identical to the first cylindrical upper section for removably connecting to the top of the first cylindrical upper section.